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**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-12 (cancelled).

13 (currently amended). A fastener in combination with a tube for securing said tube to a patient, said fastener comprising a tubular sleeve and a holding element attached at each end of the tubular sleeve, the tubular sleeve being of variable length and configured when lengthened to grip the tube, wherein the tube has a lumen and is adapted to can transport fluid to or from a patient.

14 (previously presented). A combination according to claim 13, wherein the sleeve when shortened is capable of sliding along the tube.

15 (previously presented). A combination according to claim 13, further comprising attachment means for attaching the sleeve to a patient.

16 (previously presented). A combination according to claim 15, wherein the attachment means comprises one or more loops.

17 (previously presented). A combination according to claim 16, wherein the or each loop is formed by doubling over the sleeve.

18 (currently amended). A combination according to claim 15, wherein the attachment means comprises a harness, sling or other means adapted to embrace for embracing a part of the patient.

19 (currently amended). A combination according to claim 15, wherein the attachment means comprises a pad or flange adapted to lie for lying against part of the patient's body.

20 (currently amended). A combination according to claim 19, wherein the pad or flange ~~is adapted to~~ can be adhered or sutured to the patient's body.

21-30 (cancelled).

31 (previously presented). A combination according to claim 13, wherein the sleeve has a perforated or foraminous wall defining a plurality of openings.

32 (previously presented). A combination according to claim 31, wherein an opening is capable of permitting the tube to pass through the wall of the sleeve.

33 (previously presented). A combination according to claim 32, wherein the sleeve wall is a mesh, grid, net or web.

34 (previously presented). A combination according to claim 31, wherein the sleeve is of filamentary construction.

35 (previously presented). A combination according to claim 31, wherein the sleeve is a spirally woven tube.

36 (currently amended) A fastener in combination with a tube, said fastener comprising a tubular sleeve and a holding element attached at each end of the tubular sleeve, the tubular sleeve being of variable length and configured when lengthened to grip the tube for the purpose of securing the tube to a patient, wherein the tube has a lumen and is adapted to transport can transport fluid to or from a patient.

37-38 (cancelled).

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39 (previously presented). In combination, a fastener in combination with a tube as defined in claim 13 and instructions for its use in securing said tube to a patient.

40-45 (cancelled).

46 (new). A combination according to claim 13, wherein each holding element is a ring.

47 (new). A combination according to claim 13, wherein said tube is a catheter.

48 (new). A combination according to claim 36, wherein each holding element is a ring.

49 (new). A fastener for securing a tube to a patient, said fastener comprising a tubular sleeve of variable length capable when lengthened of gripping a tube, a holding element attached at a first end of said tubular sleeve and wherein the sleeve has a perforated or foraminous wall defining a plurality of openings.

50 (new). A fastener according to claim 13, wherein the holding element is a ring.

51 (new). A fastener to claim 49, wherein the sleeve when shortened is capable of sliding along a tube.

52 (new). A fastener according to claim 49, further comprising attachment means for attaching the sleeve to a patient.

53 (new). A fastener according to claim 52, wherein the attachment means comprises one or more loops.

54 (new). A fastener according to claim 53, wherein the or each loop is formed by doubling over the sleeve.

55 (new). A fastener according to claim 52, wherein the attachment means comprises a harness, sling or other means for embracing a part of the patient.

56 (new). A fastener according to claim 52, wherein the attachment means comprises a pad or flange for lying against part of the patient's body.

57 (new). A fastener according to claim 56, wherein the pad or flange can be adhered or sutured to the patient's body.

58 (new). A fastener according to claim 49, wherein an opening is capable of permitting a tube to pass through the wall of the sleeve.

59 (new). A fastener according to claim 58, wherein the sleeve wall is a mesh, grid, net or web.

60 (new). A fastener according to claim 49, wherein the sleeve is of filamentary construction.

61 (new). A fastener according to claim 49, wherein the sleeve is a spirally woven tube.